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THE SITUATION VERY GRAVE

Shown by the Official Report and Findings of the Naval Court of Inquiry.

Washington, March 25.—The Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the cause of the Maine disaster, has reported that the loss of the battleship was due to an outside explosion.

The State Department by direction of the President has cabled United States Minister Woodford at Madrid to notify the Spanish Government of this conclusion.

The President and cabinet advisers held two extended sessions today, one at 10.30 a. m., and another at 3.30 p. m., at which the report was considered in detail.

The Spanish Government has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish naval commission holds the disaster to the Maine to be of internal origin.

The Government of Spain, it can be stated positively, is not disposed to turn back the torpedo flotilla now proceeding from the Canaries, and would be disinclined to consider a suggestion from this Government tending to interfere with the disposition by Spain of her own naval forces.

War preparations on an unprecedented scale are being hurried to completion by the War and Navy departments, and the country, practically, is on a war footing.

The foregoing gives the record of one of the most eventful days in the national capitol has seen since the close of the civil war.

It was a day of profoundly important action, of the deepest anxiety, coupled with naval and military activity, one step following another in rapid succession.

Viewed in detail the finding of the Court of Inquiry was the most vital feature. Commander Marix, Judge-Advocate of the Court of Inquiry, delivered the report to Secretary Long early this morning and shortly after, it was carried to the White House and placed in the hands of the President.

At 10.30 the Cabinet assembled, half an hour earlier than usual, and began the consideration of the momentous document.

Eyes the rigid rules of secrecy which prevail at cabinet meetings were made doubly strict in this case, and no intimation of the results reached by the court were known until 4 o'clock, when an Associated Press bulletin gave the information to the country, as well as the eagerly waiting officials throughout Washington.

Thousands of voluntary certificates received during the past fifteen years, testify with no uncertain sound, that Botanic Blood Balm, (F. B. B.) will cure to stay cured, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Ulcers, Sores, Blotches, and the most malignant blood and skin diseases.



Snow Balling. About one young woman in ten soon days would dare to run on bare headed and have hard and sore ball in midwinter.

A PERFECT GEM.

Congressman Cousin's Beautiful Tribute to the Maine's Dead.

The temper of the House was significantly illustrated Monday, when Representative Cousin, of Iowa, made a brief speech in connection with the bill to relieve the sufferers on the Maine.

As Mr. Cousins stood in the midst of his silent audience, speaking slowly, but distinctly, with his voice quivering with emotion, using no gestures, he seemed the embodiment of an avenging Nemesis against Spain.

Lord God of Hosts; be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget.

MR. COUSIN'S SPEECH. Mr. Cousins spoke as follows: 'Mr. Speaker: Whether this



Fifty Years Ago. President Polk in the White House chair, while in Lowell and Doctor Ayer's name was on every lip.

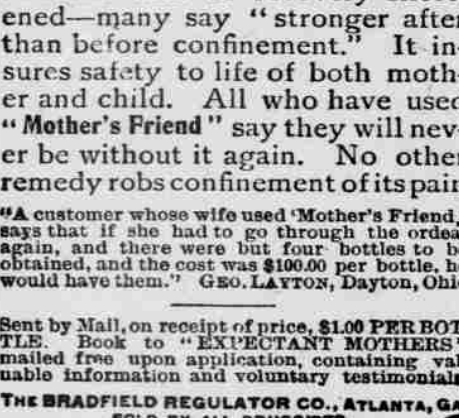
Ayer's Cathartic Pills were designed to supply a model purgative to people who had so long injured themselves with gripping medicines.

THE INFLUENCE

of the Mother shapes the course of unborn generations—goes sounding through all the ages and enters the confines of Eternity.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

always all Nervousness, relieves the Headache, Cramps, and Nausea, and so fully prepares the system that Childbirth is made easy and the time of recovery shortened—many say "stronger after than before confinement."



measure shall prevail, either in the form in which it has come from the committee or in the form as proposed in the amendment, it is both appropriate and just, but hardly is it mentionable in contemplation of the great calamity to which it appertains.

"Expressions of condolence have come from every country and from every clime, and every nerve of steel and ocean cable has carried on electric breath the sweetest, tenderest words of sympathy, for that gallant crew who manned the Maine.

Such success as is represented by this great business could have been possible only with an honest and meritorious article. Mr. C. I. Hood, the proprietor, has always acted upon the principle that honesty is the best policy, and insisted that whatever the people read about Hood's Sarsaparilla should "be so."

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

The tumult and the shouting dies— The Captains and the Kings depart— Still stands thine ancient altar, O'er a humbled and a contrite heart.

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A MAMMOTH BUSINESS.

How Perseverance, Honesty and Merit Have Won Success.

One of the most successful business enterprises of the present century is that of C. I. Hood & Co., of Lowell, Mass., proprietors of the famous medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla.

In the office alone about 60 people are employed and the work here is so systematically arranged that each department carries on its respective part of the business, working in harmony with every other department.

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Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles.

SATURDAY SERMONS.

Published for Sunday Personal and Every Day Guidance.

Happy the man, who, innocent, Grieves not at ills he can't prevent. —Matthew Green.

That single effort by which we stop short on the downhill path is of itself a greater exertion of virtue than a hundred acts of justice.

Habits, good or bad, may be formed in an incredibly short time if they are congenial.

It is not often that great accumulations of wealth do anybody good. They usually spoil the happiness of two generations—one in the getting and one in the spending.

Let no man be sorry that he has done good, because others have done evil. If a man has acted right, he has done well, though alone; if wrong, the sanction of all mankind will not justify him.

One of the humorist writers got beyond humor and into the domain of sacred logic when he said: "It shows God's opinion of wealth by the men He gives it to." Truly it is hard to serve Him and Mammon.

We do a great injustice to Iscariot in thinking him wicked above all common wickedness. He was only a common money lover, and like all money lovers, didn't understand Christ—couldn't make out the worth of him or the meaning of him.

Let none falter who thinks he is right, and we may succeed. But if, after all, we still fail, be it so; we still shall have the proud consolation of saying to our conscience and to the departed shade of our country's freedom, that the cause approved of our judgment and adored of our hearts, in disaster, in chains, in torture, in death, we never faltered in defending.

Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than in the one where they sprang up. That which was a weed in one intelligence becomes a flower in the other and a flower again dwindles down to a mere weed by the same change.

By setting aside the wise and salutary laws of God and giving ourselves over to the gratification of our passions and appetites we sell ourselves to our worst enemy, and incur the wrath of heaven and the miseries of hell.

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles.

Spring Medicine. It is true wisdom for everybody to take a thorough course of Swift's Specific just at this season of the year.

S.S.S. for the Blood. Sarsaparilla is far ahead of all other remedies for this purpose. It is a real blood purifier which promptly purifies the blood and thoroughly renovates the entire system.

Gives Summer Health. The Ayer Sarsaparilla Company Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its Founding: What It Has Done For Afflicted.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

We publish in another column of this issue Congressman Cousin's tribute to the dead crew of the Maine, delivered in the House last Monday.

The newest thing in town and quite an ingenious invention, is the automatic peanut roaster of Messrs. Denning & Summerlin, at the corner of John and Walnut streets.

The Board of County Commissioners, in special session in this city Saturday, issued an order for an election in this city at the same time as the May municipal election, empowering the city to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000 for a complete system of sewerage.

The new superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, Mr. D. A. Coble, is already evincing that he is the right man in the right place.

A REPRESENTATIVE of the ARGUS made a trip to Wallace today to deliver stationery to the merchants of that town who are preparing for a heavy trade this spring, and while there made a short trip in company with Mr. T. Q. Hall to his strawberry farm.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The reader of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh.

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